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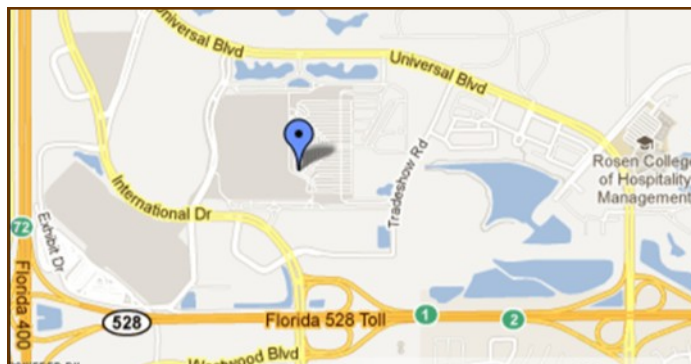
President's Message

David (Rusty) Phillips will re-offer his Ontario woods in lots in late spring 2013, it would seem the many lots of **Bruce Raszmann** in local auctions, are currently gathering much attention. Stay tune for other deals from **David!** **John Regitko** advises he is working to eliminate his old PC and switching all his files to his laptop. Anyone who still has his e-mail in your system as duffy1@direct.com please change this immediately to coinman@look.ca as the 'duffy' e-mail address will be eliminated in the near future.

By the time you read this message Christmas and New Years will have come and gone for another year. I hope my Christmas flats arrived safely with the December Issue or with the special mailing of free woods. If any of the flats arrived damaged please contact me as indicated below and I will send a replacement in secure packaging. I also hope you and your families celebrated a merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New year. As in past years my wife and I will be taking holidays following Christmas. This year we are flying to Florida on January 3rd and will be attending the **Florida United Numismatists 2013 FUN Show** in Orlando (Jan. 10-13, over 1500 vendors). If anyone else will be in the area please contact me on my cell at 403-830-3724 and perhaps we can arrange a get together in Florida. You can also contact me at my email address or Calgary phone number prior to the 3rd.

I have received many renewals for 2013 membership and I would like to remind the few that still have not renewed that is now time to renew your membership. If you have any questions on your membership status please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You can also reach me at Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1. Also please start making plans for the RCNA in Winnipeg in July 2013.

Al Munro



Florida United Numismatists



2012 Woods Distributed by Ross Kingdon

By now CAWMC members have received their board of 2012 CAWMC woods. There were 10 rounds and one flat inserted. These 11 woods are the free woods for the eleven months from Feb. to Dec. 2012. Your 2011 Christmas Flat issued for Jan. 2012 was mailed out on Dec. 1st, 2011 with all the 2011 free woods.

Next year, we will mail Jan. -Dec. 2013 together, possibly Jan. 2014 too if it's ready at the time of mailing. Receiving these woods and the newsletter each year, are terrific values for your CAWMC membership. If you have yet to renew for 2013, please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter and send in your payment.



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Harrisburg Coin Club's 50th Anniversary by Bob Brown

The Harrisburg Coin Club Inc. recently held its 50th Coin Show on September 29, 2012, at the I. W. Abel Hall (200 Gibson St.) in Steelton, PA, and issued the following wood in honor of that show. The round commemorative wood (promoted in *Coin World*) features on one side the printed details about the show around a rendition of the Capitol dome in

the Pennsylvania state capitol. The other side features an open wreath with 50TH inside and ANNIVERSARY below. This wood is now available from the club for 50¢ U.S. per wood plus the cost of the postage and handling. Other woods from the club that are still available are all of the woods from 2000 on, except for the 2006 wood which has sold out. These woods are also 50¢ each. Also available at 25¢ each are the following: 1970 Indian & Buffalo; 1976 Indian & Buffalo; 1977 Indian & Buffalo; and 1978 Wagon Train. All woods will be sent in a bubble mailer, so please be sure to include enough money for postage and handling. Do NOT send a regular envelope especially if you are ordering more than one wood. If you wish to send your order in a bubble mailer, I will send the woods to you in that mailer. Send your order, and payment, to Bob Brown, 134 Park Drive, Middletown, PA 17057-4931 U.S.A. Some of these woods are in short supply, so please consider that especially if ordering more than one of a date. Thank you.



From your Editor:

These 6 woods have one side which is 1983 Camp Curtin and the other side is 22nd Coin Show with Capitol Dome.

Check out the club's medals on the next page.



Harrisburg Coin Club Inc



1964 Harrisburg, Pa Coin Club Old State Capitol Medal



John Harris Trading Post Harrisburg PA Coin Club Collector Plate from



1968 Pennsylvania Farm Show Building Harrisburg



Harrisburg Coin Club 1969



1970 Harrisburg Coin Club Presbyterian Church Medal



1 1/4" 1998 Harrisburg Coin Club John Harris Mansion





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Rock It Out!

Free Wood of the Month of January 2013 reported by Ross Kingdon



The wood for January was donated by
Judy Blackman and was made by **Norm Belsten**.
 There were 150 made under catalogue number
 5924-130. **Judy** had the inspiration for this wood
 from **Brenda Lee's** song, 'Rockin' Around the
 Christmas Tree' (lyrics below left).



Rockin' around the Christmas Tree
 at the Christmas party hop
 Mistletoe hung where you can see
 Ev'ry couple tries to stop

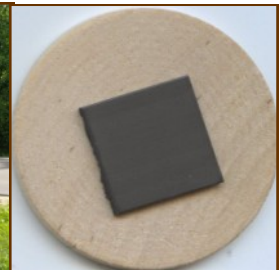
Rockin' around the Christmas Tree
 Let the Christmas Spirit ring
 Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
 and we'll do some caroling
 You will get a sentimental feeling
 When you hear
 Voices singing, "Let's be jolly;
 Deck the halls with boughs of holly"

Rockin' around the Christmas Tree
 Have a happy holiday
 Everyone's dancing merrily
 In a new old fashioned way
 You will get a sentimental feeling
 When you hear
 Voices singing, "Let's be jolly;
 Deck the halls with boughs of holly"

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More on Laurelwood by Bill Cousins



The wood that **Don Antoniak** gave our Editor at the WCS meeting in November 2012 (as described in Timber Talk December issue) from *Laurelwood Veterinary Hospital* was printed by *Canada Wide Woods of Gads Hill Station, Ontario*. The clinic is owned by my former employer, *Tavistock Veterinarians of Tavistock, Ontario*. **Dr. John Chesney** the senior partner of *Tavistock Veterinarians* ordered 400 of these woods in June 2012. This wood was included in the subscription series that *Canada Wide Woods* issued in December 2012. For those not taking the subscription series, they may want to contact *Laurelwood* directly or *Tavistock Veterinarians* at 519-655-2421 to see if any are still available.



Dr. Chesney (pictured here) joined the practice in 1978 specializing in dairy and beef with an interest in poultry production. *Tavistock Veterinarians* was co-founded by **John** in 1980. **John** is a graduate of the *Dairy Health Management* certificate program.





This *Fergus Highland Games* wood is 5285-001 in **Norm's** catalogue which shows there were 1,000 of these 1981 38mm round black / black tokens issued.

Fergus is best known for the annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games, held in August. The games represent the largest gathering of clans in the world outside of Scotland and Cape Breton Island. Competitions are held for music, dancing and 'heavy' events such as the caber toss. A 10 km (6.21 mi) run is also contested. The Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games has enjoyed success since its beginning in 1946. Begun by Alex Robertson, the games have had two locations, Victoria Park and

more recently, the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex (Fergus). The Games exemplify all things Scottish with a focus on heavy events, dancing, piping, clans and family interactive fun.

The Highland Games originated with the Ancient Celts in Ireland, thriving and evolving in the competitive environment of the clan structure of Scotland. It is commonly believed that in the 11th century the Scottish King Malcome Canmore perpetuated the entire Games event with a race up a mountain.

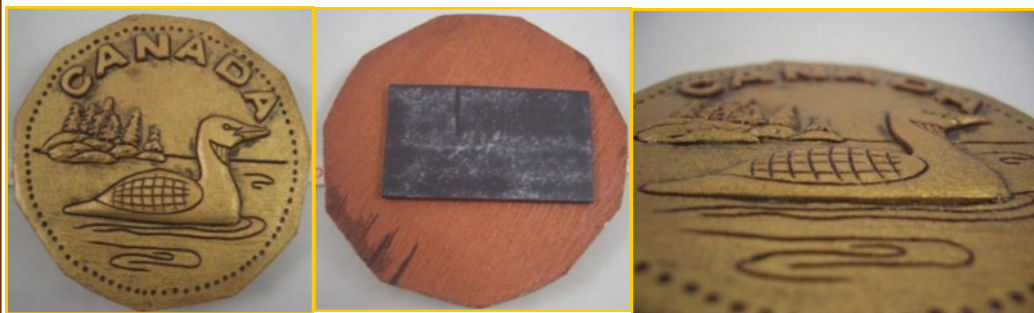
Like the ancient Greeks and Romans, it is not unreasonable to think that competition for strength, endurance and honour were ongoing adventures in all cultures. The concept of the celebrations of Highland Games evolved into a positive celebration of culture and history focusing on the most accomplished in each of the competitive fields, as well as the onlooker who enjoys the ambiance of cultural heritage. The Fergus Scottish Festival is pleased to participate in the promotion, presentation and preservation of Scottish culture through competition and education.

A Loonie Wood

Your Editor acquired this wood in December 2012 from a U.S. dealer. It was in a lot of numismatic items he acquired at auction, so was unable to tell me how many were made, who made them, why they were made, and how they were issued. It is a Canadian dollar wooden loonie with a magnet on the back. It is marked on the side "CGMI USA" and measures 2-11/16 inches across and is 3/8 inch thick with a raised front scene.

The website for CGMI USA is <http://cmgiusa.com/>. CMGI (with over 50 years experience and located in both Campbell and Windsor both of which are in California) draws upon the energy and innovation of past experiences and its employees to leverage our time tested approach to offer a unique selection of services to the construction industry. Being the owner and operator of a small design/build construction firm for over the past 25 years, CMGI is committed to make a promise that if you are looking for a company that can provide to you the level of experience, expertise, and confidence needed to handle all of your construction needs, then CMGI is the right company for you.

Why an American company would issue a Canadian Loonie wood 'fridge magnet' is beyond me. Possibly they landed some large Canadian contract and made them for the ribbon cutting ceremony or something?



A MOST UNUSUAL COIN CLUB by John Regitko, CAWMC Member #265

Would you believe that there existed a coin club that met at a location that forced them to limit their membership and did not encourage visitors to attend meetings? Further, this club did not advertise in the numismatic press or any other way.

Sperry Rand Corporation, a U.S. public company, was the world's 12th largest corporation both in terms of sales and assets in the 1970s and 1980s when I worked for one of its Canadian divisions. It employed hundreds of thousands of people around the world except in communist countries, through its many subsidiaries. The most famous of these are Remington Rand, Sperry Univac, Sperry Vickers, Remington Shavers, Sperry New Holland, Sperry Marine and Sperry Gyroscope

Sperry Univac was working on faster, smaller and smarter computer technology at their world headquarters in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

Sperry Gyroscope had top secret projects on tap for the U.S. government covering automatic pilots, guidance control systems for rockets and atomic warheads, and stabilizing equipment for U.S. air force planes as well as commercial planes and ships. They were also involved with the mechanism and computer brains of radar technology used in airports around the world, some so far advanced and so sensitive that they could see an object the size of my fist from three miles up. Top security was in force at all times in their offices and plants at the Blue Bell, Pennsylvania Research premises.

Remington Rand was testing new leading edge products at the same Blue Bell facility (i.e. the world's first plain bond copier, electronic calculators to replace the cumbersome mechanical calculators, electronic typewriters, etc.).

Understandably, no outsiders were allowed to stray into their facilities unless they are employees of the company or had received security clearance.

Since their coin club meetings were held in the cafeteria of one of the plants, only employees were allowed to attend.

This unique club, called the Sperry Coin Club, celebrated its 15th anniversary during the U.S. Centennial celebrations in 1976. For the occasion they struck both a wooden nickel and a medal. Although I visited the facility regularly as the Canadian liaison for Remington Rand, it never tied into their meetings. However, one of their members sent me the souvenirs they issued.

The history of the various divisions after I left was phenomenal. The Remington Rand product line was sold to Rayovac, who changed their name to Spectrum Brands.

Sperry New Holland was sold to Ford Motor Company, who resold it to Fiat.

Univac (along with the RCA computer division that they had acquired) was acquired by Burroughs Corporation, who merged the companies and renamed itself Unisys. They discontinued all computer hardware operations and opted to concentrate on supplying information technology to businesses around the world.

With all the divisions being acquired by other companies, it would appear that the Sperry Coin Club was disbanded.



Wooden token issued in 1976 by the Sperry Coin Club for their 15th anniversary.

Tribute to Mickey (Fire Marque Dog) submitted by **Ted of Kurwood Farm**

Follow up to the **Fire Marque** wood featured in our November 2012 Timber Talk. I believe this should be listed with the Thornton Ontario as the place of origin. **Al Munro** now has enough of these woods for free distribution to all the CAWMC members. Here's more information on this wood from **Ted of Kurwood Farm** (kurwood@attglobal.net). It's a **Tribute to Mickey**, the dog on the back of the Fire Marque wood. You might recall the wood with the Golden Retriever, while this is the rest of the story. Mickey stole everyone's hearts. **Blair**, "I had to put my Mickey (spot) down – a now old and tired life-long friend. I found 'A Dog's Plea' that was sent to me by a close friend quite awhile ago. The 'Plea' starts off, ***'Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.'*** Well, let's start some 14 years ago. 'Ducat' (a Golden Retriever) and I were teaching a class of deaf children (I guess it's proper to say 'hearing impaired'). I fondly remember 'Ducat' and I teaching the kids on how to train their dogs just using their hands. I couldn't believe it when the kids presented 'Ducat' and I with a totally deaf six-week-old Dalmatian puppy. The kids and I gave him a sign name. We taught the 'Mickey', his name: Touch your right hand to your right ear and then move it to your chin, tap your chin twice with our index finger and your middle finger, and then show him your fist by holding it up even with your shoulder. He would sit and give you his total attention. Waiting for his next hand command. I could bore you forever with the funny moments of 'Mickey'. When people were talking with their hands, Mickey would stand then sit then stand then wait for his next command. People became very conscientious about talking with their hands. As he knew over 20 hand commands. Mickey was deaf, but he sure wasn't dumb. If there is one thing Mickey taught me, it is the patience one must have when you have a hearing disability. I became more proud of my spotted wonder every day, especially when I taught the 'Mickey' a new sign command. The safety commands were with the right hand with the tricks with the left hand. He travelled on the jet skis and loved it as he couldn't hear the engines, just feel the wind and the water splashing, loved canoeing and learned how to transfer his weight to avoid a flip – only a few mistakes. One mistake was funny as he was the only one on the big lake that had his life jacket on!! He was one of the best watch dogs as he was always watching. The Mickey would bark once at something moving and then you had to figure out what it was that was that he was barking at and give him his next hand command. He looked up - most dogs looked down. He looked beyond the water's surface at the little minnows and in the winter he would chase the minnows on the ice. During the spring melt he would chase floating sticks. You'll notice the bells on the 'Mickey', the bells warned the other animals of the Mickey as his nose was very curious. I look back on the photos and suddenly realize I finished that fence a long time ago. Mickey was an old dog and he taught me a lot of things. I guess one is to be more patient and to enjoy the view. Most Dalmatians aren't people persons they are one people dogs. Yes they are runners and I agree they aren't Golden Retrievers but the 'Mickey' was pretty smart.

FACTS: - Mickey travelled to two countries; loved: his best buddy Ducat; the jet skis, boats, canoes etc.; running on ice; to fly in planes and run; kids (especially babies) - they must have smelled nice; mirrors, chasing flashlights and shadows through big snow drifts; cats (even the barn cat); Mickey smelled danger (the bark terrified you); he looked up (most dogs look down); and Mickey barked once at anything moving and then looked at you for the approval sign.

Last year I purchased a web site called 'Listening Eyes.ca' for ten years and over the next few years I plan on setting up a full charitable organization. The mission statement will be forthcoming. It's hard to believe that 14 years have gone by and now my Mickey is gone. I guess it gives us a lot of time to reflect back and remember the wonderful times we had together. A very special thank-you to Mickey's vet **Dr. Cathy Emms** who had the love, the trust, and the understanding of the 'Mickey'. To all my friends who remember my Mickey's deafness and thought I was nuts on trying to train him. I thank you for my new challenge and remember an old picture of the 'Mickey', I look back and have to thank the hearing impaired kids at Queen Elizabeth School for giving the 'Mickey'. And teaching me how to call the 'Mickey' at night (no it wasn't shining a flashlight at him). How else would I have ever learned the challenges of training a deaf dog, the love and trust of a deaf dog, and the realization that we all have many things to learn, and trust me I HAVE LEARNED. The ending of 'The Dog's Plea' says

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger, and my friend, when I am old, and I no longer enjoy good health, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having fun. Please see that my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with my last breath I draw, that my fate was always safest in your hands.

To my old friend "Mickey" you will be missed. Thank-you for the teachings. Your loving Master



Scarborough Coin Club 2012 Show & Woods by David Bawcutt, CAWMC Member #495

The Scarborough Coin Club had our 16th Annual Coin Show at Cedarbrook Community Centre on November 3, 2012. About 135 people attended our show which had about 20 tables, a club table with free giveaways, two display tables, free draw every half hour and refreshments available. Visitors to our show could see the display prepared by our President **Peter Machulec** on Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Mints of Canada, Torex, Coins on Coins, Elephants on Coins and TTC tokens. Our club produced a wood for the show in a quantity of 100 with black foil stamping both sides.

The Scarborough Coin Club celebrated our 37th Anniversary at our December 5, 2012 meeting at Cedarbrook Community Centre at 7:00 p.m. We have made our annual anniversary wood for the occasion in a quantity of 100 with dark blue foil stamping both sides.

Our club has been producing an anniversary wood each year since our 5th anniversary in 1980, a show wood each year, we have 3 special woods and 1 error wood. There are 16 woods sold out of the 53 different woods our club has issued.

2012 Scarborough Coin Club woods are available at \$1.00 each which includes postage. Current made up sets of 38 woods are available at \$20.00 each which includes postage. I will include my Christmas wood free with each order.

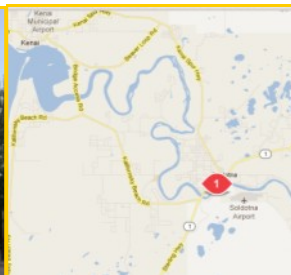
Make cheque payable to the: Scarborough Coin Club. Send your order to **David Bawcutt** 75 Claremore Ave. Scarborough, ON M1N 3S2.



A Dairy Queen Update by Bob Brown, CAWMC Member #401

The copy of the Dairy Queen wood, which is shown right, was sent to me by **David Phillips** of Port Alberni, British Columbia and is not in my book 'A Picture Guide Book of the Dairy Queen Wooden Tokens'. It is from Soldotna, Alaska (44669 Sterling Hwy, # A, Soldotna, AK 99669, Suite A, phone: 907-262-9701, owned by Ischi Inc.), and has one of the new DQ logos on the obverse. It is the traditional red in colour. This token, like many of the others in my Dairy Queen Updates and in my book, are not in my collection. So I would be interested in buying or trading for any that I can use in my collection. Any that have not previously been listed will be included in a future Dairy Queen Update and the person that reports any new issues will be credited with doing so. So please send anything that you have to offer, whether it be a copy of the token, or the token itself, to **Bob Brown**, 134 Park Drive, Middleton, PA 17057-4931 U.S.A., or you can call me at 717-944-9586. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past. Do not send information to my P.O. Box as I no longer have it. Use the address listed above. Thank you.

From your Editor: Todd Walker (twalker@ktuu.com) of Channel 2 News reported June 29, 2011, "Soldotna Dairy Queen Damaged in Fire". Picture of fire is courtesy of Claire Keene. "A Kenai Peninsula landmark was severely damaged Wednesday morning, when the Soldotna Dairy Queen caught fire at about 3 a.m. Firefighters spend about six hours battling the fire. **Deputy Fire Marshal Brad Nelson** said the blaze was not intense, but because of several remodels, firefighters had to deal with multiple smoldering hot spots. Nelson said the fire was declared under control at about 9 a.m. Deputy Nelson says about \$850,000 of damage was done to the building, which also includes another business. About \$200,000 worth of additional damage was to the 'contents' of the building. Nelson said the roof collapsed and there was some structural damage to back of the building, but the entire structure may be salvageable. Nobody was inside at the time the fire broke out. The cause of the blaze is under investigation." The other two pictures are of the building as it stands today (repaired after the fire).



Before Chainsaws! submitted by Jean Chevalier

Before anyone gets their green sneakers wet crying on them, remember this was 125 years ago and a lot of things were still politically correct. This is from the article 'Logging Monster Trees' providing an amazing look at our history that involved the challenges loggers faced every day to earn their wages. Remember this next time you think your job is demanding. Before chainsaws were invented, the logging industry in the North America was a seriously challenging occupation. In the Pacific Northwest there were forests full of monster trees and cutting them down was done by hand. A friend sent me these photos I am sharing with you to go along with history. Look at the length of the two-man hand saw and heavy duty axes they used to drop these tremendous trees. It is almost inconceivable to think of cutting a tree this size with a hand saw. The work required very strong men (and horses) working long days for minimal pay. Could you imagine doing this to earn a living? After a tree was finally felled it took a week or more to cut it up into sections that could be managed (somehow) and transported by train to a lumber yard. Manoeuvring the logs down the mountain to the train was a complex job. I didn't do any research on this, but I would be willing to bet that many men lost their lives doing this dangerous work. One slip and a hunk of wood as big as a hotel is rolling your way! The other question that begs an answer is how did they get those logs onto the flatbeds of that train? Hollowed out logs became the company's mobile office. Can you imagine stacking such logs to build a log home? Two courses would produce a 30' ceiling. Maybe that's why it was easier to hollow out a tree. A long time before anyone ever thought of a "mobile home or RV" hollowed out logs were also used to house and feed the logging crews. We are accustomed to our modern conveniences like electricity and gasoline powered chainsaws, and it is always such a mind-boggling experience to see how such monumental tasks were performed before these conveniences appeared on the scene.





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